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Mayor James Matayoshi
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Dear Mayor Matayoshi:

Thank you for your November 25, 1998, letter regarding a proposed visit by representatives of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Government and the Rongelap Atoll Local Government to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in Livermore, California. During our November 14-15, 1998, meetings in Honolulu, Minister Muller asked that visits and communications such as this be coordinated through the RMI Government. To honor the Minister's request, I have contacted Ambassador Banny deBrum and forwarded your letter to him.

Although we are not in a position to defray any travel and per diem expenses, we look forward to having your delegation visit LLNL. It is a unique opportunity to understand and see first-hand the whole body counting and plutonium bioassay work.

Sincerely,

Frank Hawkins
Director
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Health Programs

cc: Minister Phillip Muller, RMI
Ambassador Banny de Brum, RMI

